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## Tempe Tardeada celebrates Hispanic heritage

All are invited to the 17th Annual Tempe Tardeada from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, to celebrate and recognize Tempe's Hispanic roots. This free festival will take place at the Tempe Community Center Complex, 3500 S. Rural Road, at the southwest corner of Rural Road and Southern Avenue.

A Tardeada is a vibrant afternoon festival and social dance featuring continuous entertainment, dancing, traditional Mexican foods, arts and crafts for children, community booths, inflatables and fun for all. All activities are free. The event takes place each year in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month.

For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tardeada](http://www.tempe.gov/tardeada) or call Ginny Belousek at 480-350-8979.



## Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park

Tempe will honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks with a display of American flags at the 12th annual Healing Field tribute at Tempe Beach Park. The free event runs Thursday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 13, from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

On Sept. 11, there will be a memorial ceremony at 5:46 a.m. and a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. A moving display of patriotism and unity, Healing Field is presented by the Tempe Exchange Club.



## Tempe establishes Family Justice and Sustainability commissions

The Tempe City Council unanimously voted in June to begin two new commissions: Family Justice and Sustainability.

"These commissions will be a critical resource to help us make important decisions as councilmembers," said Councilmember Lauren Kuby. "Both will provide thoughtful insight and research that will benefit us as decision makers."

### Family Justice Commission

This is the first commission of its kind in Arizona. Commission members will advise the City Council and assist city departments in promoting access to justice and safety for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking. The group will assist with coordinating cross-training and multi-disciplinary opportunities for criminal justice personnel and healthcare providers to better prepare them to serve victims of these abuses.

### Sustainability Commission

This commission will advise the City Council and staff on ways to help the city's sustainability programs reach their full potential. The city has several ambitious goals for water conservation, renewable energy, recycling, transportation and sustaining city infrastructure. The commission will help the city reach those goals while providing research and ideas on ways Tempe can become more sustainable in the future.

Applications for volunteers who wish to serve on either commission are available at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk). Click on "Boards and Commissions." Each commission has requirements for members to have specific areas of expertise.

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## Neighborhood feedback needed on proposed Orbit Saturn route



Tempe is looking to expand its popular Orbit neighborhood circulator service by adding a new route – Saturn – to serve neighborhoods between U.S. 60 and

Elliot Road. Over the past several months, area residents participated in planning the proposed route, indicating preferences for points of interest, hours and frequency of service, as well as providing feedback on draft route options. The final proposed route will be presented for feedback at two public meetings: Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. or Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. at Marcos de Niza High School, 6000 S. Lakeshore Drive. Both meetings will cover the same information. A comment form will be available from Sept. 9-28 at [www.tempe.gov/orbit](http://www.tempe.gov/orbit).

In 2014, the Tempe City Council authorized staff to explore adding a new Orbit route between U.S. 60 and Elliot Road, from the city's eastern border with Mesa to the western side where Tempe meets Guadalupe and Phoenix. The first phase of public involvement began in January, with more than 100 residents participating in public meetings and providing feedback online. During the second phase, city planners presented draft routes created based on input received in January. At the September meetings, residents will be asked to review and comment on a final proposed route. In December, the Tempe City Council will review the recommended route along with public feedback and determine whether to implement the route in 2017.

Neighborhood circulator service was part of the Tempe Transit Tax approved by voters in 1996, with the five existing routes – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars and Jupiter – implemented between 2007 and 2008. The existing routes operate seven days a week, connecting neighborhoods north of U.S. 60 with local destinations, Valley Metro bus routes and light rail.

Tempe began work to expand the Orbit system in 2007, but had to put plans on hold due to economic downturn and associated budget impacts. The city renewed those efforts last spring, studying the feasibility of implementing a new route, including estimating costs and gauging public interest through a telephone survey of residents in the area. The survey indicated general support for a new route.

The city has \$1.2 million in Tempe Transit Tax funds available annually to operate a new route. If approved and implemented, the Saturn route would provide connections to neighborhood destinations within the planning area, as well as several Valley Metro bus routes that travel to destinations like downtown Tempe, ASU, Tempe Marketplace, light rail and destinations throughout the Valley. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/orbit](http://www.tempe.gov/orbit).

## Tempe announced as partner in dementia-friendly initiative

In August 2014, Mayor Mark Mitchell turned a personal family struggle with Alzheimer's and dementia into a public commitment to ensure that Tempe is a "dementia-friendly" city.

In July at the White House Conference on Aging, it became an even more high-profile cause as Tempe was named one of six locations across the country selected to pilot what will eventually be a nationwide effort to designate communities as dementia friendly.

A dementia-friendly community is defined as one that is informed, safe and respectful of individuals with dementia and their families, provides supportive options, and fosters quality of life.

Mayor Mitchell, who became involved in this issue after his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimers and dementia, was pleased with the announcement.

"Few things are as personal and as difficult as supporting a loved one who has dementia or Alzheimers," said Mitchell. "As a part of this program, Tempe can now follow a clear plan of action that will make our city a safer place for our residents who suffer from this terrible disease."

Led by the Dementia Friendly America initiative (DFA), Tempe will be taking action by leveraging tailored resources in business, community-based services and supports, faith communities, health care communities, legal and financial services, local government and residential settings. The work toward dementia friendliness will involve:

- Raising awareness about dementia and transforming attitudes
- Having supportive options that foster quality of life
- Supporting caregivers and families touched by the disease
- Promoting meaningful participation in community life
- Reaching those who are underserved

Tempe joins communities from across the nation in the announcement including: Santa Clara County, CA; Denver, CO; Prince George's County, MD; Knoxville, TN; and the state of West Virginia.

## GAIN with your neighbors

Join fellow neighborhood leaders, neighborhood block watch captains and residents from all over Tempe to do some Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) party planning.

The actual GAIN gatherings happen this fall, but it's time to start planning now! City staff will be on hand to help neighborhoods jumpstart their planning at the GAIN Kickoff Celebration at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave.

There will be plenty of tips and handouts along with chances to win raffle prizes from our event sponsors and opportunities to win party visits from city departments such as Fire, Recycling and Police. Pre-register your event at [www.tempe.gov/gain](http://www.tempe.gov/gain) or come prepared to do so at the kickoff. This year's GAIN gatherings will be Saturday, Oct. 17, from 3-7 p.m.

More information is at [www.tempe.gov/gain](http://www.tempe.gov/gain).







## First-of-its-kind veterans housing project moves forward in Tempe

Plans for a unique affordable housing community designed for veterans and their families have taken a major step forward.

The Arizona Department of Housing on July 1 confirmed that the Valor on Eighth project will be able to receive nearly \$10.6 million in federal low income housing tax credits over 10 years. It was a milestone for the project's partners: the City of Tempe, Gorman & Company, Inc. and Save the Family Foundation of Arizona.

Located on city-owned land at Rural Road and Eighth Street, just south of University Drive, the 50-unit rental community will include five market rate, live-work units on the ground floor and 45 units primarily designed for veterans and veterans with children. Save the Family will offer comprehensive services to residents who want them, including free on-site before- and after-school programs, a computer lab with training classes, financial literacy lessons for all ages, job training and placement, and other personalized case management services.

The idea for an affordable housing option for veterans was the brainchild of Vice Mayor Corey Woods and Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage, who have developed the concept for two years. The City Council in February approved the ability to negotiate exclusively with Gorman & Company; other parts of the project will come to the Council later this year.

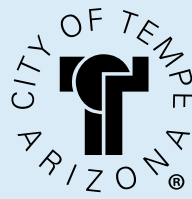
Brian Swanton, who is Arizona Market President with developer Gorman & Company, said the federal tax credits will be supplemented by \$318,000 in federal HOME Investment Partnership funds that the City of Tempe will pass through to the project, as well as \$750,000 in state housing trust funds and a conventional loan for the rest. The award of the federal tax credits this week represents 75 percent of the needed funding to move the project forward. The other 25 percent of the funding has also been secured.

Financing agreements will close within a year, and design and zoning approvals will be pursued concurrently. Construction could begin in mid-2016 and take about one year to complete.

Valor on Eighth is part of a larger initiative to serve Tempe veterans and active military. Woods and Arredondo-Savage have spearheaded a veterans working group that, with a number of community partners, has established a Veterans Court and a Veterans Commission, launched online resources for veterans and their families, and more.

For more information on Tempe's veterans efforts, visit [www.tempe.gov/military](http://www.tempe.gov/military).

**Monsoon season  
— are you ready?**  
[www.tempe.gov/monsoons](http://www.tempe.gov/monsoons)



## Candidate packets for 2016 Tempe City Council

Tempe residents interested in running for the Mayoral seat or a City Council seat in 2016 can download a candidate packet from the City Clerk's Office at [www.tempe.gov/election](http://www.tempe.gov/election).

Those who would like a paper copy may pick up a packet beginning today at the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth St. The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding city holidays.

Each packet provides all the information necessary to run for the Mayoral or one of three City Council seats, all with terms of office that begin in July 2016. The Primary Election is March 8, 2016\*, and the General Election is May 17, 2016\*.

Candidates for Mayor or City Council must submit the valid signatures of between 1,129 and 2,257 registered Tempe voters. The first day to file completed candidate paperwork is Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at 8 a.m. The last day to file candidate paperwork is Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015, at 5 p.m. For filing, candidate paperwork must be signed originals and filed in the City Clerk's Office.

Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office via email at [clerk@tempe.gov](mailto:clerk@tempe.gov) or 480-350-8241. Detailed information about the 2016 elections is available at [www.tempe.gov/election](http://www.tempe.gov/election).

### \*Tempe City Charter Sec. 7.01

(b) The primary election shall be held for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for city elected office. In the event that no more than two candidates file nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the primary election may be dispensed with.

(c) If no primary election is required due to the number of candidates filing nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the regular city election shall be held at the time that the primary election would have otherwise been held.

## Celebrate World Car Free Day on Sept. 22

Tempe residents are encouraged to join communities worldwide in celebrating World Car Free Day Sept. 22 by giving up their cars for a day. Tempe makes it easy, with a comprehensive transportation system that includes more than 175 miles of bikeways, light rail and more than 25 bus routes, including 14 local routes, five express routes, two free Flash routes and five Orbit neighborhood circulator routes. Tempe buses are wheelchair accessible and have bicycle racks accommodating up to three bicycles. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/tim](http://www.tempe.gov/tim).

# Calendar

This is the tentative August/September schedule for Tempe City Council meetings. Check [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk) for updated schedules.

## August 6, 2015

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## August 13, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## August 27, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## September 3, 2015

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## September 10, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

## September 17, 2015

4 p.m., Work Study Session

## September 24, 2015

4 p.m., Executive Session

6 p.m., Regular Council Meeting

Agendas are posted 24 hours before each meeting outside the Council Chambers and on the second floor of City Hall. Meetings are subject to change. Confirm dates, times and locations with the City Clerk's Office, 480-350-8241 or at [www.tempe.gov/clerk](http://www.tempe.gov/clerk).

Meetings are aired live on Tempe 11 and [www.tempe.gov/tempe11](http://www.tempe.gov/tempe11).

# Tempe City Council

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Vice Mayor

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# News you can use

## Punt Pass & Kick

Long before they became big stars, quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Dan Marino participated in the NFL's Punt, Pass & Kick skills competition. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, Tempe kids will have the chance to do the same at Benedict Sports Complex, located at Kyrene and Guadalupe roads. The program is a national football skills competition for youth ages 6 to 15. Scores are based on accuracy and distance of punting, passing and placekicking. Boys and girls will compete separately in five age divisions. The top finishers from Tempe's competition will advance to the Sectional Round. From there, participants advance to the Team Championship, held during an Arizona Cardinals home game. The first-place Team Champions from each of the boys' and girls' divisions advance to the National Finals, held at an NFL playoff championship game. Registration is free and will be taken on-site. For more information, visit [www.tempe.gov/familyfun](http://www.tempe.gov/familyfun) or contact Keyon Cornejo at 480-350-5222.

## Glow Paddles

Join us for the wildest and brightest paddles on Tempe Town Lake! In addition to all necessary kayaking equipment, you will receive glow-in-the-dark accessories to wear while paddling. Feel free to wear other glow-in-the-dark items that you don't mind getting wet. Glow Paddles light up the lake from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 11 and Oct. 9. They are open to ages 10 or older (ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult). Registration is \$20 for ages 10-17 and \$35 for ages 18 and up. A first-ever Glow StandUp Paddleboard will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 18. Space is limited, so register early at [www.tempe.gov/](http://www.tempe.gov/) brochure. Call 480-350-8069 or visit [www.tempe.gov/boating](http://www.tempe.gov/boating) for more information.


## Performances at the Museum

Enjoy an evening of Arizona blues at Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave. On Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m., two blues legends will take the stage, sharing their music and stories. Both Chuck Hall and Hans Olson are in the Arizona Blues Hall of Fame. While you are at the museum, be sure to visit the Tempe Sound exhibition and local music memorabilia. Admission is free to the museum, its exhibitions and this performance. Get more information at [www.tempe.gov/museum](http://www.tempe.gov/museum).

## New online service provides learning, job search help

Tempe Public Library is offering homework help, job training and more through Brainfuse, a free, new online service. Library cardholders can access the program. Students in all grades, including college, can get live online help with writing skills, learning languages and practicing through flashcard games, among other features. Adults can benefit from resume-writing assistance, career resources, computer skills training, GED test preparation and more.

Visit [www.tempe.gov/libraryresearch](http://www.tempe.gov/libraryresearch) for a list of the hundreds of free research tools available for adults and children. The library is located at 3500 S. Rural Road.



## SEPTEMBER 2015

### Mixed Bulk Trash & Green Organics

	Collection Week	Collection Type
Area E	SEP 7-11	MIXED BULK WASTE AND GREEN ORGANICS
Area F	SEP 14-18	
Area G	SEP 21-25	
Area H	SEP 28-OCT 2	

Items may be placed for collection no earlier than 10 days prior to Monday of your collection week and no later than 6 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.



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